Nov. 30, 1928.

Mr. E. T. Howard,
Route,
Lexington, Ga.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I wish to thank you for the very kind attention given me the few moments I was at your home Tuesday, November 27th. I expect to make another visit there sometime when the weather is good, as we must arrange in some way to replace the graves of Vines Collier and his wife, Sarah.

I thank you very much for your offer to sell us a little spot of ground where the cemetery existed, but in the meantime I would appreciate it if will make inquiries from your oldest citizens in order that I may be certain of the fact that this is the spot he was buried. I am quite sure it is, because I received a letter from Mr. John S. Bacon on June 8th, 1925, to this effect. I know I told you that I thought I received a letter from a party by the name of "Lewis", but I was mistaken, as I have looked up the letter and it came from Mr. John S. Bacon, who is evidently still living in your vicinity.

Mr. Bacon stated in his letter that the place was known as the Howard place and that he talked with an old woman about 75 years old of Stephens, Georgia; also an old blind man about 80 years old, and he stated that the exact location of the cemetery was remembered by a Mrs. Weaver, a daughter of W. T. Howard and a widow, who lived in the Vines Collier house. The land was allowed to grow up in pines after the war and when it was cleared quite a number of years ago the ground where the cemetery was was put in cultivation, and evidently this was the spot you showed me the other day.

I am quite anxious to restore this cemetery with markers. Could you find out from some of the oldest citizens if Sarah Collier, wife of Vines and who was alive at the time Vines died on September 7th, 1795, was buried at this same place?

Was there a cemetery at the old Salem Church spot that you mentioned to me the other day where the church pillars still remain?

My son, Mr. D. C. Collier, who is President of the Southern Manufacturing Company, Athens, a big cotton mill, lives at Athens so I will be over that way occasionally and I want to come out again to Lexington to make a more thorough investigation, at which time I will take up with you the purchase of a small spot with a roadway

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coming out to the road.

Again thanking you for the kindness extended me, I beg to remain

Yours most cordially,

JCC:S

J. C. COLLIER.